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March 8th, 1909.
Estate of Susan C. Wilcoxson, late of Stratford, in said district, deceased. The Court of Probate for the District of Stratford hath limited and allowed six months from the date hereof for the Creditors of said Estate to exhibit their claims for settlement. Those who neglect to present their accounts, properly attested, within said time, will be barred a recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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Perhaps wit is stimulated by a slight derangement of the nerves, and good things said on the field of battle are sometimes recorded. When "Bully" Egan fought Curran with pistols the bulky Egan complained that his opponent was as thin as a blade of grass. "Let my size be chalked out upon your body," said Curran, "and any hits outside of the line shall not count."

It was not good form, however, to make a parade of magnanimity, and the comical practice of firing in the air or "dumb shooting" or "children's play" was strictly prohibited by the rules, of which thirty-six were drawn up by representatives of the five most eminent counties—Galway, Tipperary, Mayo, Sligo and Roscommon—in 1771. They met at the summer assizes at Clonmel and seem to have done their work very gravely and honestly, including a special rule for "simple, unpremeditated encounters with the small sword." There is a large element of absurdity about it all no doubt, but even duelling has had its place as a rough, inefficient test of manhood.—Blackwood's Magazine.

Grand People in London in 1806. "I came to town on Wednesday and intended to go to the Ancient Music; made a Bungle about my Ticket; it was too late to get it. The Drawing Room was the object yesterday. They made a mistake in my Dress. It was not deep enough for my Mourning, and the glass of my Sedan Chair was not mended. Looked at my Lodgings; found them Abominable. I walked all over the Town till I was, Lord, how tired! Looked in upon the Duchess of Gordon while she took off her Hoop to Dine with the Bedfords."

This was Jane, duchess of Gordon, who rode down the High street of Edinburgh on a pig's back in the days of her wild girlhood and raised recruits for the new highland regiment when other means had failed by allowing each man to take the shilling from between her lips. Hoops were de rigueur for court dress until the days of George IV., although in private life the ladies' skirts had been growing more and more scanty since the days of the French revolution.—From "John Hookham Frere and His Friends," by Gabrielle Festing.

Winning a Violin. The way M. Ysaye, the great violinist, became the owner of a Guarnerius violin dated 1742 was thus quaintly told by himself:

"The Guarnerius was bought in Paris by a pupil of mine, a charming young woman. I envied her the violin, and fate gave it to me. I teach this pupil, and by and by I meet her sister, a most lovely young woman, with whom I fall in love straightway and marry. Soon I go to my sister-in-law, who was my pupil, and say to her:

"It is time, you stop fooling with violin. You will never learn how to play it. I take the liberty of a big brother, but she do not like it for long time. At last she succumb to my experience and wisdom, and she stops playing. Then I say grandiloquently: 'I will take the Guarnerius, 1742.' I take it, and that is how the violin came into the possession of Ysaye."

They Meant Business. A Chicago stage manager was telling of amusing incidents of blunders and errors caused by stage fright. In a romantic play recently revived one of the minor characters, a dairymaid, comes forward at the end of the recital of a love romance and comments as follows:

"Hope filled their youth and whetted their love; they plighted their troth!" But at one of the performances the girl who played the dairymaid was absent without notice. At the last moment the manager gave the lines to a shepherdess, who had never had lines to speak before and who was excessively nervous when her cue came. This is what the astonished audience heard:

"Hope filled their trough and blighted their love; they whetted their tooth!"

The Hourglass. Instead of being obsolete and simply an interesting relic, the hourglass in various forms is a twentieth century necessity. A machinist authority points out that for such purposes as timing hardening and tempering heats in twist drill manufacture, where seconds or minutes must be gauged accurately, nothing serves like the hourglass with the right amount of sand. Accuracy to fractions of a second can be had much more easily than by watching the hands of a watch.

He Walked. "Good afternoon, Miss Brown! Going for a walk? May I go with you?" asked an elderly but ardent admirer of the lady.

"Yes; my doctor says that we must always walk with an object, and I suppose you'll answer the purpose?"

The Exporter. "Who is your Chicago friend?" "He is a prominent ex-porter."

"What does he export?" "I didn't say he exported anything. He used to be a porter at the hotel where I stopped."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Way They Have. "Some men," said Uncle Eben, "has a way of keepin' der consciences quiet by takin' de minister's advice on Sunday an' de lawyer's advice all de rest o' de week."—Washington Star.

A Brave Patient. Dentist (to assistant)—I think I heard a patient in the waiting room. Assistant—Yes, but I can't bring him in. He's turned the key on the inside.—Meggendorfer Blatter.

Brave Reply. The Sunday School Teacher—And now, children, can you tell me, when Balaam and his ass conversed, what language they spoke in? Little Harry Green—Please, sir, Assyrian.—Bellman.

Interested. "Wot ye readdin' about, Chummy?" "About a guy named Hannibal. He wuz de greatest general of his time." "Football or ring?"—Kansas City Journal.

Talent knows what to do; tact knows what not to do.

MILFORD FATHERS WILL PREACH

Sermons That Will be Delivered by Eloquent Speakers During K. of C. Retreat.

The K. of C. retreat will open tomorrow night in St. Augustine's church and continue through the entire week, services being held every evening at 8 o'clock. The retreat will be conducted by the Apostolate Fathers of Milford. The order of sermons will be as follows:
Sunday night—"The Warfare of the Christian Knight"—Father McLean.
Monday night—"The Enemy of His Soul"—Father Mitchell.
Tuesday night—"The Crucial Hour"—Father Dolan.
Wednesday night—"Who Has Conquered?"—Father Sullivan.
Thursday night—"The Strength of the Christian Knight"—Father Mac.
Friday night—"Calvary's Grief"—Father Downes.

The members of the various councils are requested to meet at the chapter house Sunday evening at 7 o'clock and march in a body to the church.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Happenings of Interest About The City.

Beginning next Monday, Dr. E. A. McLehlan, health officer, will prepare a weekly report of all cases of contagious diseases in the city and also a record of births and deaths. The report will be filed at the town clerk's office and also with the bureau of public health and the marine hospital service of the treasury department.

A rehearsal of the big chorus of the German-American Central Band will take place tomorrow afternoon at Maenncher hall in French street, beginning at 3 o'clock.

Cars between Bridgeport and New Haven will be operated on a half-hour schedule beginning today and continuing every Saturday and Sunday until further notice.

Owing to the absence of Alderman McMurray, the committee appointed to conduct an examination into the work of the contractors at the Bostwick avenue school did no business at the meeting held in the office of the city clerk last night. The result of the investigation will be the subject of a report to the Common Council Monday night.

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NEWEST NOTES OF SCIENCE.

France is about to amend its patent law to provide that a patent shall lapse if its holder shall fail to exercise his right in France or in the colonies of France for a period of three years from its granting.

By using two highly sensitive pendulums suspended in a well-known German scientist has found that the surface of the earth rises and falls about eight inches every 24 hours, having tides similar to those of the sea.

The next Brazilian Congress will be asked to provide for the irrigation of the northern states of the country, where there are vast tracts of land that only need water to make them immensely productive.

No man who follows fashions blindly, simply because such a thing is the mode, is well dressed. Certain characteristics in figure, complexion and personality must be recognized by every man in the country, where there are vast tracts of land that only need water to make them immensely productive.

In no better way can true taste be shown than in making the most of nature's gifts and hiding as best we can Nature's slights. True taste means becomingness of form, a harmony of color, symmetry of proportion and a consciousness of being at ease in the clothes you wear.

A tall man can't wear stripes, nor can a short man wear cross bar suit patterns. Nor can any man wear tightly fitting garments and be at ease. That is the essential reason why fashion has ordained present day clothing to be loose and correspondingly comfortable.

Every man should keep it in mind that the accessories of dress are as important as the essentials. It is his neckties, shirts, waistcoats and hose that express his individuality. The range of patterns and colors are so wide that care must be exercised that the one selected is becoming.

Foppishness Intolerable.

In the choice of his spring/suit, he is restricted to state, blue, green, black, and the allied shades, beyond which he cannot go without violating fashion's mandates, and proving himself unacquainted with the accepted standards.

The selection of the accessories to his attire is where the average man plunges. But every man should remember that foppishness in dress is intolerable, while manliness is not only sensible, but according to fashion and the accepted standards of today.

In the choice of a hat, the wearer should bear in mind that it is far more important that the style shall suit his face than that it shall be of the very latest model recognized by fashion. Fashion is the law, but man is the judge. Let him exercise his powers wisely.

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